

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of  
Hidenori NAGAI, et al.

Docket No: Q94015

Appln. No.: 10/574,200

Group Art Unit: 3753

Confirmation No.: 9253

Examiner: SPORER, ERIC NOLAN

Filed: March 31, 2006

For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING FLUID

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on  
March 31, 2010:

**REMARKS**

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was dated April 6, 2010.

During the interview, the following was discussed: a summary of the claims, the method  
of operation disclosed in the specification, and a proposed amendment to claim 3.

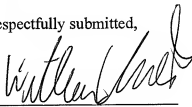
1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: none.
2. Identification of claims discussed: claim 3.
3. Identification of art discussed: JP 2003-047832.
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: an amendment to claim 3 to clarify  
that the that the repeating of (2) to (4) switches alternately a passage of fluid "from an open  
position to a closed position."

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: The claims are non-obvious.
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: If the proposed amendment was adopted and a Terminal Disclaimer was filed to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, then the proposed amendment would place the application in condition for allowance without requiring a Request for Continued Examination to enter the amendment to the claims.
7. Results of Interview: The above agreement was reached, but no course of action was promised.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

**It is believed that no petition or fee is required.** However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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